(a) whether Mr. P. Madhava Menon, Honorary Assistant Surgeon doing duty in the General Hospital has been given special charge of E. N. T. section with the equipment available there;

(b) was not such an arrangement contemplated in Diwan's Order, Dis. 15798/09, dated 30th July 1934;

(c) if not given as contemplated in the order of appointment, what is the reason?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

(a) There is no separate E. N. T. section at present in the General Hospital so that it may be handed over to Mr. Madhava Menon.

(b) As per Diwan's Proceedings, Dis. No. 15798/09, dated 30th July 1934, he is allowed to do Ear, Nose and Throat work with the equipment now available in the Hospital.

(c) No separate accommodation is available for starting that department.

Accused parties—letting off on bail.

129. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether there is any law in Cochin which compels judicial officers to let off accused parties, appearing before them under Summons, only after taking bail from them invariably and without any discretion vested in such officers to let off the said parties relying their subsequent appearances on their honour alone;

(b) which the Law mentioned in (a) is;

(c) the number of times our Courts have exercised the discretionary power mentioned in (a) during the last one year?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—(a) and (b). Chapter XXVIII of the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code contains the provisions under which a Court may let off accused parties appearing before it (under summons or otherwise) or are brought before it. Such parties may be either enlarged on bail or discharged on their executing bonds for appearance without sureties, at the discretion of the Courts. It is not necessary that Courts should take bail in all cases. The provisions contained in the Chapter clearly lay down the procedure to be adopted. (Vide particularly sections 396, 397, 398 and 399 of the Criminal Procedure Code).

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(c) Statistics on the point are not available. The collection of statistics will take considerable time and cannot be undertaken within the short notice given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government, Sir, in a position to say that there has been at least one such instance during the period ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Government have not enquired.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—A specific question was asked about the total number of such instances during the last year.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The answer is there.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The answer is given in a very irresponsible manner. In as much as I appreciate that it is very difficult to collect statistics for one single year, my supplementary question is whether there is one single instance.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I have answered it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the answer satisfactory according to the Government ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is left to the Hon'ble Member's opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If notice is given can this information be given ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I cannot answer it off-hand. Government will have to consider whether in the interests of public service and public convenience it would be opportune for the Government to undertake the collection of statistics.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can I know, Sir, the number of requests for the collection of statistics which the Government could not comply with during the last few years ?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I want notice.

Assistant Surgeons' Deputation.

Diwan's Proceedings, Dis. 1967/1109, dated 26—9—1934.

130. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have noted the following passage in the report of the Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras for the year 1933—34 in reference to the extension of the L. M. P. Course "The end in view is to approximate the L. M. P. of Madras to the London M. R. C. S. and L. R. C. P. examinations";

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